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DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement January 2017 Employment Statement

"It is encouraging to see nearly 10,000 people find work in January, setting a new employment record in the state. The economy in South Carolina is strong, and more and more people are feeling optimistic and are entering the job market to take advantage of the opportunities presented by employers that have decided to grow their businesses here," said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

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About DEW

The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. <u>DEW</u> is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state's businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.